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## AN ACT

Relating to the inspection of fisheries products by the Department of Natural Resources, division of agriculture; and providing for an effective date.

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

\* Section 1. AS 03.05.010(f) is amended to read:

(f) The commissioner may issue orders, regulations, quarantines and embargoes necessary to carry out the purposes of this title in relation to

- (1) the examination and inspection of premises containing products, articles or commodities carrying pests;
- (2) establishment of quarantines for eradication of pests;
- (3) standards and labels pertaining to the sale of agricultural and vegetable seeds, meat, fish and poultry;
- (4) analyzing and testing and the giving of notice for hearings to determine whether stop orders or quarantine shall issue;
- (5) the cooperation with federal and state agencies to carry out the purposes of this title;
- (6) the regulation of fur farming, except as specified in AS 16.05.340(b); for purposes of this paragraph "fur farming" means the raising of animals in captivity for the purpose of marketing their fur, and "domestic fur farm animal" means a fur animal born and raised in captivity;

(7) the examination and inspection of meat, fish and poultry advertised for sale or sold to the public.

\* Sec. 2. AS 03.05.020(1) is amended to read:

(1) require routine inspection of food animals, fish, poultry and derivative food products, to protect the public against fraud, disease and spoilage, and in this connection he shall promulgate uniform regulations establishing standards of identity and composition of these food products and minimum standards of sanitation and handling methods as to all phases of slaughtering, processing, storing, transporting, displaying and selling of these food products;

\* Sec. 3. AS 03.05.040 is amended to read:

Sec. 03.05.040. INSPECTION. On any business day during the usual hours of business the commissioner or his authorized inspector may, for the purpose of inspecting agricultural or fisheries products subject to regulation, enter a storehouse, warehouse, cold storage plant, packing house, slaughterhouse, retail store or other building or place where those products are kept, stored, processed or sold.

\* Sec. 4. AS 03.05.050 is amended to read:

Sec. 03.05.050. PRODUCTS IN VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS. An agricultural or fisheries product found by the commissioner, or his authorized inspector, to violate a regulation adopted under this chapter is declared to be a public nuisance injurious to the public interest and shall not be moved by the person in whose possession it may be except upon the specific direction of the commissioner or inspector.

\* Sec. 5. AS 03.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 03.05.100. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter,

(1) "agricultural products" does not include fish or fisheries products;

(2) "fish or fisheries products" means any aquatic animal, including amphibians, or aquatic plants or parts of those plants, animals or amphibians that are usable as human food.

\* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.070(c).